



## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

February 4, 2004

### **H.R. 2391** **Cooperative Research and Technology Enhancement (CREATE)** **Act of 2004**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on the Judiciary on January 21, 2004*

H.R. 2391 would make changes to patent law regarding collaborative work by researchers from multiple organizations. Based on information provided by the United States Patent and Trademark Office, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 2391 would have an insignificant effect on that agency's spending, which is subject to appropriation. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 2391 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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